Radio Technical Commission for Maritime Services

RTCM's Standard 12800.0 on Satellite Emergency Locating Devices (SEND)

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NTSB Forum to Improve General Aviation Search and Rescue

RTCM Background

RTCM chartered in Washington, DC in 1947

- Originally U.S. State Department Advisory Committee

Now International, Non-Profit, Scientific, Professional and Educational Organization

- Focuses on All Aspects of Maritime Radiocommunications and Radionavigation
- Develops and Publishes <u>RTCM Standards</u>

RTCM Background

Over 120 Member Organizations
   Government, Industry, and Educational Members

RTCM Standards are Incorporated by Reference
   U.S. Federal Communications Commission and U.S. Coast Guard
   Regulations
         • Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons (EPIRB)
         • Personal Locator Beacons (PLB)
         • Radar and Electronic Chart Systems for domestic service ships
   Other International Applications

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2008

- **Emerging Private Emergency Alerting Systems (PEAS (?))**
- **Concerns about reliability and effectiveness**
- **Coast Guard requests RTCM to develop a standard**
  - Notes similarity to Personal Locator Beacons
  - Need for reliable connection to SAR resources

2009

- **First committee meeting**

2011

- **RTCM 12800.0 (SENDs) published**

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Features
- "SOS" distress alert for SAR from remote locations
- Operates through private satellite systems
- Portable or vehicle mounted
- Based on RTCM PLB standard for operational, technical, environmental performance
- Typically relies on GPS location
- Includes Distress Cancel function
- No subscription – no distress function

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Features

- "SOS" alert may be one function of multi-function device
- Excludes satellite telephones
- 24 hr reserve battery life for distress alerts
  - Alerts user
  - Manual override possible
- Distress alert must reach call center in 5 minutes
- Includes informative annex on Emergency Call Centers
  - Developed by National Search and Rescue Committee

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RTCM has petitioned FCC for mandatory compliance

U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force support expected

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